CHAPTER 17: SECRET TECHNIQUE

...
HOW COULD POSEIDON...?
I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT...!
RRRR

HEH...

...THE SECRET TECHNIQUE TSUBAME GAESHI.

TH-THAT WAS...

DAMN YOU, SASAKI...

UGH...

ZNG

FATHER ?!

...FEEL THAT PAIN AGAIN.

THROB THROB

THROB

MAKING ME...

FUNA-SHIMA (LATER KNOWN AS GANRYU ISLAND)

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...COULD NOT BE DEFENDED AGAINST.

THAT GIANT, HATCHET-LIKE FIRST SWING OF MONO-HOSHIZAO, POWERED BY KOJIRO'S IMMENSE PHYSICAL STRENGTH...

...RETRACING THE PATH OF THE FIRST...

... A SECOND PASS FROM YOUR BLIND SPOT...

EVEN IF YOU MANAGED TO DODGE IT AT FIRST...

AN UNDE-
FENDABLE,
UNAVOIDABLE
SLASH.

...WOULD
COME AT
YOU WITH
UNGODLY
SPEED.

THAT
IS...

...TSUBAME GAESHI!

...

...SASAKI.

BRINGS
BACK
MEMORIES...

HEH.

...BUT DON'T TAKE SASAKI LIGHTLY!

YOU MAY BE A DEITY...

MR. GOD OF THE SEAS...

THE SUMMIT WE SET OUT TO REACH...

...IS HIGHER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!

GO, KOJIRO!

RRR AAA

AAA-AAA

YEE-EAH!

GIVE HUMANITY THEIR FIRST VICTORY!

PLEASE, HRIST!

CLENCH

WE CAN DO THIS!

HUFFAH

HMM... ITS WEIGHT, ITS EDGE... I COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE.

HRIST, THE QUAKING ONE, AND MONOHO-SHIZAO, CRAFTED BY MASTER SWORDSMITH BIZEN NAGAMITSU—

VOLUND

KLIKK

MONOHO-SHIZAO IS TRULY...

...THE IDEAL SWORD FOR ME!

SWP

...

N-NO WAY!

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...IS ACTUALLY MAKING A MOVE HIMSELF!

POSEIDON... THE GOD OF GODS...

C-CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?!

ZWEI

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AMPHITRITE~ ANGRY WAVES

VS

HIKO

KOJIRO DODGES A WAVE OF...

...POSEI-DON'S STRIKES!

HE JUST KEEPS DODG-ING!

JUMP JUMP JUMP

CAN KOJIRO ACTUALLY SEE POSEIDON'S STRIKES?!

W-WOW ...!

HE'S ALREADY EXPERI-ENCED THEM.

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SEE THEM.

IS HIS SIGHT AS A GOOD AS ADAM'S?

HE DIDN'T HAVE TO.

BUT THEY'VE NEVER FACED EACH OTHER BEFORE!

EXPERI-ENCED ...?

I CONCEDE!

BY ENVISIONING HIMSELF CHALLENGING AND BEING DEFEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

I CONCEDE.

IT'S MADE POSSIBLE BY THE STATE OF MIND SASAKI KOJIRO HAS ACHIEVED.

...BY ALL THE GREAT SWORDSMEN.

HOW DO I BEAT HIM?

OKAY THEN...

HE'S OBSERVED THE TINIEST DETAILS OF POSEIDON'S BODY LANGUAGE...

KOJIRO HAS OBSERVED EVERY DETAIL OF POSEIDON— THE WAY HE WALKED INTO THE ARENA, HOW HE BREATHED, BLINKED...

...AND USED THEM TO CONSTRUCT...

...A PERFECT IMAGE OF POSEIDON IN HIS MIND.

THEN...

...HE FOUGHT THAT IMAGE IN HIS HEAD OVER AND OVER AGAIN...

...VISUALIZING A THOUSAND POSSIBLE ATTACK PATTERNS BY POSEIDON.

YES.

IF ADAM HAD THE FASTEST COUNTER-STRIKE...

IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME?!

...HAS THE KEENEST ABILITY TO ANTICIPATE.

...KOJI-RO...

NO MATTER HOW MANY ARE THROWN...

NO MATTER HOW FAST THE STRIKES...

KOJIRO WILL HAVE ANTICIPATED THEM...

...AND CAN DODGE!

THAT IS SASAKI KOJIRO'S ABILITY!

...

ANTICI-PATING HIS OPPONENTS' MOVES...

SENJU MUSO, THE UNMATCHED ANTICIPATION OF A THOUSAND MOVES!

SAW THAT COMING.

KAYPA KAYPA KAYPA

THAT ONE TOO.

KAYPA KAYPA KAYPA

THIS ONE...

AND THIS ONE...

I'VE SEEN THEM ALL!

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HFF HFF

...

ROOO OOAARRR

D-DAMN! HOW MANY BLOWS DID HE JUST DODGE?!

POSEIDON MISSED EVERY SINGLE TIME!

YOU REALLY *ARE* HISTORY'S GREATEST LOSER!

WAY TO GO, OLD MAN!

IS THERE NO END TO WHAT...

...A HUMAN WHO'S REACHED SUCH A PINNACLE CAN DO?!

IT WOULD APPEAR SO.

HE CAN EVEN ANTICIPATE A GOD'S MOVES...?!

...OF THESE HUMANS...

EVERY SINGLE ONE...

...SO EXCITED! ♡

THEY GET ME...

HEH.

FWEEEE

WHEE FWEE

NNN...

NNN-NNN...♪

OOH...

THAT'S... ♡

MUTTER

CHATTER

WHIS-TLING ...?

?

SHF

FWHEEE

HERE HE COMES!

HIS NEXT MOVE...

ZWF

...IS GOING TO BE...

FLASH

!!

SKREE

...THAN WHAT I...

FWF

IT'S EVEN FASTER ...

...ANTICI-
PATED!

KIG

TOW

!!

GAK

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THMP

...

...THE FIRST TIME THE GOD HAD SAID ANYTHING TO A HUMAN.

...

IT WAS...

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DRIP

DRIP

...ANTICIPATING MY MOVES...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE...

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...YOU SCRUB!

RECORD OF
RAGNAROK